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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 August 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

1. Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Anderson et al (US 6,262,979).
2. In regards to claims 1, 3, 8, 9, 16, and 17, Anderson discloses a conference call and network telephone system (Fig. 1 and Fig. 2), comprising: one or more network (Network 1 12 and Network 2 14); three or more telephone units interconnected by said one or more network to provide three or more participants of a conference call, at least one of said telephone with receiving and sending data packets including voice data packets (col. 5 lines 14-32); a display (LCD on the I/O devices 15) connected to at least one of said telephone units or forming a part of at least one of said telephone units (col. 3 lines 37-39); a device for monitoring calls of at least one of said telephone units to provide data to said display for showing conference call participant information as to the telephone units participating in the conference call; an input device associated with said display for selecting any of the telephone units from the conference call participant

information and dropping the selected telephone unit from the conference call (col. 5 lines 33-55).

3. In regards to claim 2, Anderson discloses a conference call telephone system, wherein at least two of said three or more telephone units receive and send data packets including voice data packets (col. 5 lines 14-32).

4. In regards to claim 4, Anderson discloses a conference call telephone system, wherein said display is provided as part of at least one of said telephone units receiving and sending data packets and said input device is provided as part of at least one of said telephone units receiving and sending data packets (col. 3 lines 37-39, col. 4 lines 24-40, and col. 6 lines 25-33).

5. In regards to claims 5 and 14, Anderson discloses a conference call telephone system, wherein said input device includes a button positioned adjacent to said display and a portion of said display indicating the function of said button (col. 3-4 lines 65-10 and col. 6 lines 25-33).

6. In regards to claims 6, 7, and 15, Anderson discloses a conference call telephone system, wherein said display is a display associated with a computer network device (computer system 14), and said input device is provided as part of said computer network device (Fig. 2 and col. 4 lines 41-65).

7. In regards to claims 10, 11, 12, and 13, Anderson discloses a conference call telephone system, further comprising a network call processor connected to said distributed network for monitoring data traffic to and from said plurality of network telephones, said call processor establishing a conference call including generating a list

of all participants and forwarding the list to one or more of said plurality of network telephones in said list of all participants for sending multicast or unicast transmission to the network address based on said list of all participants (col. 5 lines 33-62).

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. McCormarck et al (US 6,212,195) teach a telecommunication apparatus and method for forwarding packets using separate collision domains.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan P Knowlin whose telephone number is (703) 308-1727. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30pm.


10. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (703)305-4731. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

11. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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